

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2000**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Ron Ogens, Chair  
Commissioner Paul Sterling  
Commissioner Tom Carr  
Assistant Chief Phil Guercio, DFRS  
Assistant Chief Monte Fitch (Alternate)  
Deputy Chief Mike Kelley (Alternate)

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Gordon A. Aoyagi, MCFRS  
Chief Roger Strock, DFRS  
Chief David Dwyer, DVFRS  
Assistant Chief Roger McGary, DFRS  
Dave Hyde, BCCRS  
Assistant Chief Randy Wheeler, DFRS  
Eric Kuzmak, Germantown VFD  
Chief Murphy Richards, Laytonsville VFD  
Chief James Stanton, Kensington VFD  
Lieutenant Jon Fiedler, DFRS  
Assistant Chief Peter Morris, BCCRS  
Captain John Tippet, DFRS  
Chief Alan Hinde, Rockville VFD  
Richard Riffe, MCFRS  
Steve Lamphier, MCFRS  
George Giebel, MCFRS  
Neil A. Shorb, MCFRS  
Beth Feldman, MCFRS  
Annette Cheng, MCFRS

**1. Call to Order – Chair Ogens**

The Operations Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Ogens at 6:05 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy.

**2. Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2000 Meeting**

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carr to approve the Operations Committee minutes of August 23, 2000. MOTION SECONDED by Assistant Chief Fitch and PASSED unanimously.**

**3- Standard Apparatus Identification Graphic Design for County-Owned Fire and Rescue Service Vehicles Policy**

Captain Tippet of Station 23, Co-Chair of the Apparatus Specifications Committee, presented pictures of the graphic designs for County-owned fire and rescue service vehicles from Prince George's and Howard County's fire departments.

Staff Director Shorb reported that the Fire Administrator requested one change to page 1, sec.2 – Applicability: add after Montgomery County Government: *“including those units which are rehabilitated or refurbished”*

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carr to adopt the Standard Apparatus Identification Graphic Design for County-Owned Fire and Rescue Service Vehicles policy, as amended. MOTION SECONDED by Assistant Chief Guercio.**

Deputy Chief Kelley reported that the Fire Board opposes the MCFRS logo on the front door of the apparatus and suggested that a new seal be created. Commissioner Carr supported the concept of the Fire Board developing a new and unique seal for all County-owned apparatus.

Committee Chair Ogens stated that the main concern of the fire and rescue personnel seems to be the placement of the seal.

Mr. Riffe requested all magnetic mounts be removed from the rear cab doors and be replaced by a permanent mount.

### **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

After extensive discussion, the Committee agreed with the following changes to the Standard Apparatus Identification Graphic Design for County-Owned Fire and Rescue Vehicles Policy:

#### ❖ EMS Units

Lettering: Arial block font, gold lettering outlined in black.

Reflective Striping: 6" red reflective stripe outlined with two 2" white reflective stripes around the vehicle

Design Scheme: Display the LFRD emblem on the left, and the MCFRS emblem on the right.

Display the LFRDs geographic identification on both sides of the box

Remove "Advanced Life Support" or "Basic Life Support" on the side box area

Display the vehicle's unit identification on both cab doors

Display "Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service" across both sides of the box

Display "Staffed with Career and Volunteer Professionals" on the bottom quadrant of the rear of the box

#### ❖ Engines and Rescue Squads

Lettering: Arial block font, gold lettering outlined in black

Reflective Striping: At least 6" wide

Design Scheme: Display the vehicle's unit identification on the jumpseat window

Display "Montgomery County Fire and Rescue" on both cab panels

Display the LFRD's geographic identification on the driver's side only of the body's side center panel (Optional)

Display "Staffed with Career and Volunteer Professionals" on the bottom rear quadrant of the unit's body

Display the LFRD's emblem on the left, and the MCFRS emblem on the right

Display the LFRD's geographic identification on the top of the rear engine panel.

Display "Montgomery County" below this, and above the vehicle's unit identification

Display "Montgomery County" on the vehicle's front at the highest point below the windshield

Display the LFRD's geographic identification centered on the front bumper

Display the vehicle's unit identification on the outer ends of both sides of the front bumper  
Display the vehicle's unit identification on the roof

❖ Trucks and Aerial Towers

Lettering: Arial block font, gold lettering outlined in black

Reflective Striping: At least 6" wide

Design Scheme: Display "Montgomery County" on the vehicle's front at the highest point below the windshield  
Display the LFRD's geographic identification centered on the front bumper  
Display the vehicle's unit identification on the outer ends of both sides of the front bumper  
Display the LFRD's emblem on the left, and the MCFRS emblem on the right  
Display the vehicle's unit identification with reflective material on both sides of the vehicle, on the doors or jump seat windows  
Display "Staffed with Career and Volunteer Professionals" on the last side compartment door  
Display "Montgomery County, MD" and the vehicle's unit identification on both side ladder panels  
Display the LFRD's geographic identification on the center side compartment door (Optional)

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Ogens to recommend to the FRC the adoption of the Standard Apparatus Identification Graphics Design for County-Owned Fire and Rescue Service Vehicles Policy. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Sterling and PASSED with Mr. Kelley, Commissioners Carr and Sterling voting for the motion and Assistant Chief Guercio voting against.**

**4. Revisions to the Integrated Emergency Command Structure Regulation**

Committee Chair Ogens requested this item be deferred to next month's Operations Committee meeting for discussion to allow the Fire Board and the Chiefs Committee an opportunity to share the proposed revisions to this regulation with their respective groups at their upcoming meeting.

**5. Service Delivery Options for ALS Service**

Mr. Kuzmak of the EMS Subcommittee gave a presentation on the draft for the EMS Service Delivery Study Phase I Report. A copy of the draft is included in tonight's agenda packet.

**6. Revisions to the SOPs for Safe Structure Firefighting Operations Policy**

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carr to recommend to the Commission the adoption of the revised SOPs for Safe Structure Firefighting Operations policy. MOTION SECONDED by Deputy Chief Kelley and PASSED unanimously.**

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carr to decline the concept of standardizing the helmet color of master firefighter/rescuers. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Sterling and PASSED unanimously.**

7. **Incident Type/Response Assignment Report (Distribution Only)**

Staff Director Shorb reported that there are three changes pertaining to EMS calls:

- adjust the seizure call from a BLS call type to an ALS call type
- add Duty Officer on all 2/1 response assignments
- increase response assignment for the opposite lanes to incidents on the interstates

District Chief Lesnick will be on hand to discuss this report at the October Operations Committee meeting.

**A MOTION was made by Commissioner Carr to adjourn the meeting. MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Sterling and PASSED unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.